

HOUSE BILL 279
By West

AN ACT to repeal Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 13-7-117 and 13-7-211 and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated Section 62-6-103, relative to assuring that contractors comply with the workers' compensation law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 13-7-117 and 13-7-211, are repealed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() (1) The board shall not issue or renew a contractors license until the board receives a certificate of compliance or other writing by the commissioner of labor pursuant to Section 50-6-407 as evidence of compliance with the provisions of Sections 50-6-405 and 50-6-406.

(2) A photocopy of a certificate of compliance or of another writing by the commissioner pursuant to Section 50-6-407 as evidence of compliance with the provisions of Sections 50-6-405 and 50-6-406 may be accepted. An applicant for a contractors license may use a copy of either a certificate of insurance or a workers'

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compensation policy instead of the certificate from the department of labor as evidence of compliance. The board may also accept the number from the certificate of workers' compensation insurance issued by the commissioner as evidence of compliance.

(3) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to those contractors not required by Title 50, Chapter 6 to obtain workers' compensation coverage. Contractors not required to present evidence of compliance with the provisions of Sections 50-6-405 and 50-6-406 pursuant to this subsection shall sign an affidavit that attests to their exemption from the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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